

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$ for a vehicle hydraulic brake system, having at least one connecting sleeve $[(14)]$, in which there is a displaceably guided a valve member $[(20)]$, which in a first position, into which it is spring-biased, blocks the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ and which in a second position clears the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
 - the valve member $[(20)]$ on its circumferential surface is provided with at least one radially elastic detent element $[(32; 32')]$, and
 - the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ in its inner side wall $[(36)]$ comprises at least one recess, into which the detent element $[(32; 32')]$ latches during introduction of the valve member $[(20)]$ into the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ and which in relation to the direction of displacement of the valve member $[(20)]$ forms a stop, which defines the first position of the valve member $[(20)]$.
2. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ extends into the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$ and the part $[(16)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ situated in the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$ has substantially the same inside diameter as a part $[(18)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ projecting from the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$, and that the at least one recess for the at least one detent element $[(32; 32')]$ is formed in the part $[(16)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ situated in the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$.
3. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member $[(20)]$ comprises a first portion $[(26)]$, in which the at least one detent element $[(32; 32')]$ is disposed, and a second portion $[(28)]$, which extends in the direction of the opening $[(30)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ and acts as an actuating tappet for the valve member $[(20)]$.
4. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first portion $[(26)]$ of the valve member $[(20)]$ is hollow-cylindrical and receives one end of a spring $[(22)]$, which biases the valve member $[(20)]$ and is supported by its other end against the part $[(16)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ situated in the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$.

5. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring $[(22)]$ is supported against a partially breached end wall $[(24)]$, which forms one end of the part $[(16)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ situated in the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$.
6. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring $[(22)]$ is supported against an end wall $[(24)]$, which closes the part $[(16)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ situated in the hydraulic fluid container $[(10)]$, and that the recess in the inner side wall $[(36)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ that interacts with the detent element $[(32; 32')]$ is a breach $[(34)]$.
7. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member $[(20)]$ on its outside comprises an annular sealing collar $[(38)]$, which protrudes slightly in radial direction and which in the first position of the valve member $[(20)]$ interacts with an annular sealing seat $[(40)]$, which projects slightly in a radially inward direction and which is provided at an ~~the~~ inner surface $[(42)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$.
8. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the annular sealing collar $[(38)]$ and the valve member $[(20)]$ are formed from a uniform material, and wherein ~~and~~ the annular sealing seat $[(40)]$ and the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$ are formed from a uniform material.
9. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member $[(20)]$ on its outside comprises an annular sealing collar, which protrudes slightly in radial direction and is in contact with an ~~the~~ inner surface $[(42)]$ of the connecting sleeve $[(14)]$, and that the annular sealing collar is formed by an O-ring seal $[(46)]$.

10. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of claims 7 to 9~~ claim 7,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the annular sealing collar $[(38, 46)]$ is disposed between a
~~the~~ first portion $[(26)]$ of the valve member, in which the at least one detent element is
disposed, and a ~~the~~ second portion $[(28)]$ of the valve member, which extends in the
direction of the opening of the connecting sleeve and acts as an actuating tappet for the
valve member $[(20)]$.
11. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~ claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one ~~and/or each~~ elastic detent element $[(32)]$ is
formed by a tongue, which is fastened to the valve member $[(20)]$ and pivotable about an
axis parallel to the centre line $[(M)]$ of the valve member $[(20)]$.
12. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~
claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one ~~and/or each~~ elastic detent element $[(32')]$ is
formed by a tongue, which is fastened to the valve member $[(20)]$ and pivotable about an
axis, which extends tangentially relative to the circumferential direction of the valve
member $[(20)]$.
13. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~ claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member $[(20)]$ is an integral plastic injection
moulded part.